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Your Excellency,

Please excuse my intrusion. The sole cause of this is my exasperated situation.

I have written to you for help several times but to this day my letters remain unanswered.

I cannot find myself here and you could help me.

I beg you to bring me back to life for I wish to live and work.

With Profound Humility,

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TRAIL ENDS IN HAVANA



Mr. Allen Dulles
chief of U.S. Security

Australian Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — The trail of two missing American security men was followed to Havana today — and came to a dead end.

It was speculated that, if they are still in Havana under cover, they may be planning to leave the Western Hemisphere.

Jacques Mornard, the slayer of Leon Trotsky, came to Havana from Mexico last May after his release from gaol, and disappeared behind the iron curtain via a Soviet freighter.

May plan escape

The two men, Bernon Mitchell, 31, and William Martin, are known to have flown into Havana from Mexico City on June 25.

The two men are mathematicians employed by the National Security Agency where they had access to top secret information.

The reason for their disappearance is still a mystery and officials will give no indication of what theories they hold.

The pair, whose disappearance has been likened to Britain's "Burgess and Maclean" case, left on holidays together on June 24, ostensibly to visit their parents' homes in the Western United States.

Instead of doing that, they flew to Mexico City and thence to Havana, where all trace of them vanished.

The U.S. Embassy in Havana said it had no information of their whereabouts.

DEPARTURE WAS KEPT SECRET

Neither informed the National Security Agency that he intended to leave the country, though this is standard practice for employees of such agencies.

An American Defence Department spokesman in Washington said the two men had known each other since the Navy.

They were subjected to an intensive security check before they joined the National Security Agency on the same day, July 8, 1957.

CLEARED FOR GOVT. SECRETS

Both were cleared for access to certain secret information.

The two men were due back at work between July 11 and 18.

When the Defence Department failed to locate them by last weekend, it notified the F.B.I. and the Maryland State Police.

The F.B.I. said it had posted them missing, but was not conducting any investigation as no known Federal offence was involved.

SECRET WATCH ON THE AIR

The National Security Agency in which Mitchell and Martin worked as mathematicians, is one of America's most secret organisations.

Employees are ordered not to tell their friends where they work or what they do.

But it is known that the agency's main function is communications intelligence.

It maintains a round-the-clock monitoring of all signals and messages on the air, including those in code.

The disappearance of Mitchell and Martin has revived memories of the flight of British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean.

The missing security men, Bernon F. Mitchell (right) and William H. Martin (below), who are thought to be in Cuba.



Russian Van Winkle awake

Australian Associated Press

MOSCOW, Wednesday. — A modern-day Rip Van Winkle met the boss yesterday. He had been unconscious 16 years.

Suddenly, in 1942, "enemy planes came over and started dropping bombs..."

"... And now I am dead it is 1960," he said.

The man, Petr Vitrov, awoke on Monday.

He spoke of the moments and before he entered oblivion during the 1942 fighting near Moscow.

"I remember I was sent with my comrades on patrol to some factory building."

"Suddenly enemy planes came over and started dropping bombs."

"One exploded nearby and I was buried in the earth and my head was full of steel fragments. I lost consciousness."

He was 29 when he lost consciousness and was admitted to hospital, where he has been ever since.

He said he remembers nothing of the years between.

He started recovering slowly last year after one of the hospital doctors gave electro-therapy treatment with different doses.

He has now given authorities the address of relatives and written letters to them.

His family were told in 1954 that he was missing in action.

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